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### House Membership

### Representative Dr. Alma A. Allen



### Biographical Information

Prior to being elected to the Texas House of Representatives, **Dr. Alma A. Allen** was elected to the State Board of Education in 1992 and re-elected in 1996, 2000, and 2002. Allen represents the State Board of Education on the Texas Growth Fund Board.

During her tenure on the board, Allen, has served on the board's committees on Planning, where she served as vice chair; School Finance/Permanent School Fund; Personnel; and Long-Range Planning. She was chair of the Adult Literacy Task Force and served on the Early Childhood Task Force. She was a member of the State Board of Education's Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund.

Allen served as president of the National Association of State Boards of Education. Allen is a retired administrator with the Houston Independent School District. She worked for the Houston district from 1961 to 2000. She began her career in education as a teacher. She was assistant principal at Foster Elementary School and then served as principal at Peck Elementary School, Windsor Village Vanguard Magnet School, and G.B.M. Turner Elementary School. She also worked in personnel and central administration. Additionally, Allen served as a guest lecturer at Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University, the University of Houston, and Texas A & M University. Currently, she is a motivational speaker, educational consultant, and professor at Prairie View A&M University.

She has served on the Baylor Adult Literacy Board in Waco and is a board member of the University of Houston Alumni Association. She has served on the board of the Mental Health Mental Retardation Board of Harris County and the Houston Women's Center Board. Allen has also served on the Julius C. Hester House Board, the Child Care Council of Greater Houston, the Harris County Hospital District Board, the NASA Space Camp Advisory Board, the Rice University Women's Athletic Board, and the Houston Read Commission Board. Allen presently serves

on the boards of the Houston Red Cross, The Art Institute, and on the University of Houston Alumni Board.

She is a member of the Houston Association of Professional Administrators, American Association of Supervision and Curriculum, Texas Association of School Administrators, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Texans Concerned for Superior Schools, the Women's Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Democratic Women, and The American Association of Curriculum and Development, and the National Council of Negro Women.

Allen holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Education degree from Texas Southern University and a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston. She also holds a certificate in administration and supervision from the University of Houston.

Community activities include involvement in the Johnny J. Roberson Scholarship Fund, the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lou Rawls United Negro College Fund Telethon, National Women of Achievement, Top Ladies of Distinction, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Xi Alpha Omega Chapter, and Iota Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Allen has been recognized by several community organizations and was named Principal of the Year, District V, Houston Independent School District V.I.P. Program; Alumnus of the Year, Dunbar High School, Livingston; Leadership Texas and Leadership America; recipient of the Golden Apple Award for contribution to education by the National Women of Achievement; and has been named to both the Who's Who in American and Professional Women as well as Outstanding Black Alumni of the University of Houston and Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Houston. She also has had the honor of having a Spark Park on the Peck Elementary campus named in her honor. She has many other awards and honors.

Allen was elected to the Texas House of Representatives on November 2, 2004. She replaces Ron Wilson in the district 131 seat.

Allen and her husband, Lawrence Alvin Allen, Sr., are the parents of two children and the grandparents of five grandchildren.